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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Boston Redevelopment Authority

FROM: Edward J. Logue, Development Administrator

SUBJECT: Government Center - Redevelopment of Parcel 10,
Including Rehabilitation of the Sears Crescent

As instructed at the last meeting, I am submitting herewith a proposed advertisement asking potential developers to express their interest in all or a portion of Parcel 10.

Parcel 10 is bounded by Cornhill, Court Street and Franklin Avenue. The Sears Crescent Building occupies the Cornhill side of the parcel and will front on the new City Hall Plaza. The remainder of the parcel along Court Street is to be cleared. The proposed advertisement makes clear that the Authority is interested in receiving proposals not only for the rehabilitation of the Sears Crescent, but for the development of all or a portion of the Court Street frontage.

From conversations with various displaced owner-occupants, as well as others, it seems clear that the various development proposals may overlap, since the economic rehabilitation of the Sears Crescent might require integration with all or a part of the Court Street frontage.

The intention here is to secure very definite indications of interest and then, if there is any overlap, to recommend a procedure for allocation for the available land after all of those interested have had an opportunity to express their interest.

A display ad will appear in the Sunday papers on April 28, with proposals to be submitted to the Development Administrator on May 27, and a report and recommendation by him at the next following meeting of the Authority. All interested persons will also be notified by mail.

Attached is an appropriate vote authorizing the Development Administrator to place the ad and follow the procedure suggested above.

Attachment

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VOTED: That the Development Administrator be authorized to place advertisements in the major Boston newspapers on Parcel 10 in the Government Center in substantially the form presented to this meeting and is directed to present to the Board a report on the proposals received as a result of such advertisement, together with his recommendation thereon promptly after May 27, 1963.

